potential areas and districts in the vicinity of Hyderabad and

(c) what recommendations have been made by the Horticulture Board for fruit growing and organising exports of fruits from the areas and districts near Hyderabad and other parts of Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) National Horticulture Board has not made any recommendations in this regard.

Decontrol of Molasses

2263. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what is the impact on the unit value realisation of sugarcane produced in different parts of the country with the decontrol of molasses;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The market forces will take sometime to settle down and as such, it is not possible at prsnt to make any estimate of the impact of decontrol of molasses on the unit value realisation of sugarcane produced in different parts of the country. However, additional income derived from the sale of by-products, including molasses, is taken into account while computing the notified cost of production of sugar. Excess realisation by the sugar factories based on the aforesaid cost of production is required to be shared between cane growers and the sugar factories as provided under Clause 5A of the Sugarcane Control Order. In view of these provisions, Government has not conducted any inquiry in this regard.

Development of Mango Breeding

2264. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether ICAR has made any break through to develop mango breeds or seedlings, whose fruit-bearing period stretches beyond summer season;

(b) what is the research works and its results to improve mango varieties by ICAR;

(c) the reasons for not developing a variety which can bear fruit in seasons other than summer; and

(d) whether the export potential would improve greatly by developing mango strains which can be marketed beyond the present traditional period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Research work undertaken at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and other centres in the country have resulted in development of Amrapalli, Mallika, Ratna, Sindhu, Arka Puneet, Arka Anmol and Arka Aruna varieties of mango. Of these, Amarapalli ripens during middle to end of July.

(d) Yes Sir, if these are acceptable in foreign countries.

Dry Land Cultivation

2265. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to put more emphasis on dry-land cultivation in Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the areas in different States selected for encouraging dry land cultivation; and

(c) the funds earmarked for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. Comprehensive development of rainfed areas is one of the major thrusts during the Eighth Five Year Plan. A re-structured National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) has been launched.

(b) All the Community Development Blocks in the country with less than 30% of their cultivated lands under assured means of irrigation are eligible for inclusion in the Project. About 2531 watersheds in as many blocks have been taken up for integrated development to serve as Models in 121 Agro-climatic Zones located throughout the country in 25 States and 3 Union Territories.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 1100 crore has been earmarked for Eighth Five Year Plan.